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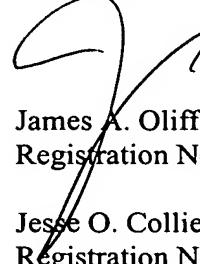
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- 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3 & 6 are attached hereto.
- 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3.

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